

REMARKS

Claims 16-32, 47, 53-55, 57, and 61 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 18, 26, and 30 have been amended. The amendments to the claims have been made to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. No new matter has been added. No new issues have been raised. Therefore, entry of this amendment is proper.

Dependent Claims 18, 26 and 30 have been amended so that they properly depend on independent Claim 47. Previously, Claims 18 and 26 were written so as to depend on Claim 51, which has been cancelled. Previously, Claim 30 was written to depend on Claim 29, which has been cancelled. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.126, the original numbering of the claims has been preserved.

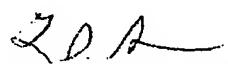
SUMMARY STATEMENTS

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If the Examiner is inclined for any reason not to enter this amendment, applicant respectfully requests (not as a matter of form but as a special request in this case) that the Examiner grant a telephonic interview to applicant's undersigned attorney in order to discuss applicant's amendment, to attempt to reach mutual understanding and clarify any outstanding issues, prior to applicant's Appeal. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call applicant's undersigned attorney at 602-263-9200. For telephonic scheduling purposes, applicant's attorney is located in Arizona, in the Mountain Standard Time zone.

Respectfully submitted,

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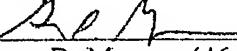
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